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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1- 55: (canceled)

Claim 56 (Previously Presented): A device for holding a boat speedometer log transmitter in a boat hull, the device comprising:

a) a sleeve body fixed in a perforation in the boat hull, said sleeve body having a longitudinal center opening for removably inserting and retaining the log transmitter in a watertight manner;

b) a head part coupled in a watertight manner to an upper end of said sleeve body, said head part having a center opening with substantially a same shape and cross-sectional size as said longitudinal center opening and said head part having a recess arranged coaxially with said center opening, wherein said center opening is coupled to said longitudinal center opening in a watertight manner for jointly receiving the log transmitter in a watertight manner; said head part comprising:

- i) a sliding ring disposed in said recess and axially displaceable against a spring force;
  - ii) a plane ring body disposed below said sliding ring; and
  - iii) a first sealing ring supported on said plane ring body; and
- c) a blocking slide for blocking and opening said longitudinal center opening and said center opening during removal and insertion of the log transmitter, wherein said blocking slide is transversely movable and guided in a plane defined on a top side by said sliding ring and on a bottom side by said first sealing ring to form a watertight seal in a closed position.

Claim 57 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 56, further comprising a threaded ring fixed on said head part for connecting said head part to said sleeve body in a fixed and detachable manner.

Claim 58 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 56, wherein said first sealing ring is disposed in an annular groove in said plane ring body.

Claim 59 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 56, further comprising a second sealing ring disposed on a bottom of said recess adjacent to said sliding ring, wherein said second sealing ring provides said spring force for axially displacing said sliding ring toward said plane ring body and closing said plane of said blocking slide and wherein a movement of said blocking slide provides a force acting transversely to said movement for axially displacing said sliding ring and opening said plane of said blocking slide.

Claim 60 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 56, wherein said sliding ring comprises an inclined inner surface and an underside having an outwardly arched, curved or inclined surface.

Claim 61 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 56, wherein a plurality of O-rings are fixed to the log transmitter for supporting the log transmitter in a watertight manner on a wall of said longitudinal center opening and on a wall of said center opening.

Claim 62 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 61, further comprising a ring-shaped sealing body disposed in a groove formed in said center opening at an upper portion of said head part, said groove enlarged by a radial widening,

wherein said ring-shaped sealing body rests against the log transmitter in a pressure-exerting and sealing manner, said ring-shaped sealing body indicates a position of said log transmitter by contacting at least one of said plurality of O-rings as said log transmitter is displaced upwardly, and said at least one of said plurality of O-rings displace said ring-shaped sealing body into said radial widening as the log transmitter is further displaced upwardly for removal.

Claim 63 (Previously Presented): A device for holding a boat speedometer log transmitter in a boat hull, the device comprising:

a) a sleeve body fixed in a perforation in the boat hull, said sleeve body having a longitudinal center opening for removably inserting and retaining the log transmitter in a watertight manner;

b) a head part coupled in a watertight manner to an upper end of said sleeve body, said head part having a center opening with substantially the same shape and cross-sectional size as said longitudinal center opening, wherein said center opening is coupled to said longitudinal center opening in a watertight manner for jointly receiving the log transmitter in a watertight manner; said head part comprising a flange extending

concentrically with said longitudinal center opening and said center opening; and

c) a blocking element resting on said flange in a watertight manner for blocking and opening said longitudinal center opening and said center opening during removal and insertion of the log transmitter, said blocking element having a passage therethrough, wherein said blocking element swivels between a first position wherein said passage corresponds concentrically with said longitudinal center opening and said center opening and a second position wherein said blocking element blocks said longitudinal center opening and said center opening.

Claim 64 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 63, further comprising a threaded ring fixed on said head part for connecting said head part to said sleeve body in a fixed and detachable manner.

Claim 65 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 63, further comprising a sealing body disposed in a groove in said flange, wherein said blocking element is guided against said sealing body in a pressure-exerting and sealing manner by means of an initial spring tension.

Claim 66 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 65, further comprising a plurality of screw bolts fixed on said head part and a coil spring disposed on at least one of said plurality of screw bolts, wherein said coil spring provides said initial spring tension.

Claim 67 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 66, wherein said blocking element further comprises a slide groove for receiving and guiding one of said plurality of screw bolts and wherein said blocking element is pivotably-mounted to another of said plurality of screw bolts.

Claim 68 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim 63, wherein said blocking element comprises a plate-shaped molded component with ~~a sleeve-like~~ an attachment disposed on a side facing away from said sleeve body.